# Senegal (SN)

## Sex & Dating
- Traditional gender roles still very present with conservative social norms in rural areas
- Sexual assault punishable by law, but rarely enforced
- Similar to communication, dating in Senegal can sometimes be considered as conservative

## Alcohol & Drugs
- Legal age to buy/consume alcohol: 18
  - Usage is considered taboo due to Islamic conservative culture
- Cannabis (marijuana) use is illegal and is not culturally accepted for recreational use

## LGBTQIA+ Culture
- SN Article 319 deems same-sex relations as “unnatural acts” and are punishable by prison
- Resources
  - Rainbow SIG
  - Diversity Abroad
  - OutRight Action International

## Cultural Customs and Norms
- Population: 16.9 million
- Currency: Franc
- Official Language: French
  - Greetings are typically more formal
- Approximately 95% of population is Muslim
  - Senegal is generally a very tolerant society with excellent relations between religions
- Senegalese law to carry personal ID at all times

## Resources
- Police: 17
- Ambulance: 15
- Fire: 18
- Country code: +221
- International SOS
  - DU Membership Number: 11BSGC000067
  - Phone: 215.942.8478 / Website: [internationalsos.com](http://internationalsos.com)
- Student Support Program (My SSP): 24/7 Mental Health Support
- U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)